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ARK CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN MAY

"We haven't been sitting still this past three years. We've been working closely with our architectural firm, the Troyer Group, to come up with designs, site plans and all kinds of different things."

- **MIKE ZOVATH**
Answers In Genesis

By Bryan Marshall
Staff Writer

The wait is nearly over for the much anticipated groundbreaking for the Ark Encounter project coming to Williamstown.

Ken Ham, president and CEO of Answers in Genesis, announced during a Feb. 27 live web conference that enough money had been raised for the Ark Encounter bond offering to allow the release of the funds to start construction of the Ark.

Several million dollars in donations and Ark boarding passes (memberships) had been raised prior to the bond offering, and most of that amount has already been used to pay for the Ark's land, secure expensive permits and licenses, clear the property, draw architectural plans and design the exhibits.

"I am absolutely thrilled to announce that the funding is in place for phase one to begin, the construction of the Ark Encounter project." Ham said.

A groundbreaking will take place in May with the grand opening of phase one set for summer 2016.

The Ark Encounter will be built on 800 acres off I-75 in Williamstown and in phases over many years.

A full-scale, 510-foot-long Noah's Ark that will be 85 feet wide and 51 feet tall and sit 12 feet off the ground, along with other supporting exhibits will be part of the $73 million phase one.

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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- The date for groundbreaking for the Ark Encounter is expected to be set in the next few weeks.
- The grand opening of Phase 1 is planned for summer 2016.

High school hoopla!

Braves win district championship

"We have a chance to do well and go far in the region. We just have to play our game."

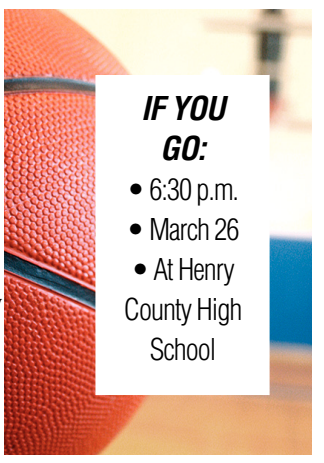
- **Logan Cummins**
GCHS senior

By Wade Holland
Sports Correspondent

Winners of nine of their last 12 games, including five straight, the Grant County Braves enter Region 8 Tournament play with momentum on their side. And they'll need it with Collins High School waiting for them in opening round action, which is set to tip off tonight at Henry County High School.

Collins, one of the newest high schools in the state of Kentucky, had more victories in Region 8 during the current season. Collins finished the season with a record of 24-4 overall, which includes an 8-1 mark against regional foes.

The Titans also come into the tournament with plenty of momentum after winning 14 of their last 15 games heading into post-season play.



IF YOU GO:

- 6:30 p.m.
- March 26
- At Henry County High School

But the Grant County Braves know the key to success against Collins, and anyone else they may face in the region tournament, is to stick with what got them here in the first place.

"We ended the season real well, but we can always do better," said Grant County junior Jordan Saylor. "We've just got to keep working hard if we want to win region and go to Rupp."

Senior Logan Cummins, who was named MVP of the District 32 Tournament, agrees.

"We have a chance to do well and go far in the region," Cummins said. "We just have to play our game."

For Grant County's seniors, who know their next loss will be their last at the high school level, the confidence gained from beating Simon Kenton in the district championships will go a long way towards success in the region tournament and, hopefully, beyond.

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Seth Adkins powers his way to a basket in the last minutes of the district championship game against Simon Kenton on Feb. 28. The Braves beat the Pioneers by one point to advance to the regional tournament. Top, GCHS Braves Coach Brandon Grammer cuts down the victory net. Photos by Jerry Morris

Spring forward

Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 9.

Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on the evening of Saturday, March 8.

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Snow kidding - spring break is going, going, gone

By Bryan Marshall
Staff Writer

Grant County Schools officially kissed spring break goodbye by calling off school March 3 as more snow and ice covered roads.

The district also canceled classes Tuesday, March 4, marking the 22nd snow day this school year for Grant County Schools.

The original last day for Grant County Schools was May 14.

Although the district's website lists the last day for students as "undetermined," Jim Lacey, director of pupil personnel, said the end day is now Monday, June 9, barring anymore missed days.

Williamstown Independent School have only missed 10 days and the last day for students is now May 30.

The Grant County School Board will also have to amend the calendar for a second time this year to reflect the missed days in the past few weeks.

LAST DAY SO FAR:
(as of 3-4-14)

- Williamstown - May 30
- Grant County - June 9

Grant County High School juniors will now take the ACT on Tuesday, March 18 after missing the original testing date this week.

Preschool will conclude approximately one week and kindergarten one day before the first through 12th grade

students.

Having missed more than 20 days this year, another option is possible for the district.

See **SCHOOL** *page 9*

WHAT'S UP?

TELL US ABOUT IT

The Grant County News publishes items in the Community Calendar free of charge. Send items to: Calendar, P.O. Box 247, Williamstown, KY 41097 or e-mail them to: gcneditorial@grantky.com or fax them to 824-5888 by noon on Monday.

BOOSTER GROUPS

Williamstown Band Boosters - 6 p.m. March 12. in the WHS band room.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Order of Eastern Star #301 - 7:30 p.m. March 6. Masonic Lodge #85, Main St., Williamstown.

Industrial Development Authority - 9 a.m., March 12. Grant County Chamber office, Main Street, Williamstown.

Grant Lodge 85, F&AM- Grant 85 is a Masonic Lodge located in Williamstown. Regular meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. The March meeting will be held March 13. Fellowship hour is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a light dinner. All are welcome. Master Masons closed meeting begins at 7:30 p.m,.

Williamstown Kiwanis - Noon Wednesdays, Country Grill, Dry Ridge. Everyone welcome. Kiwanis helps the youth and community through various service projects. President - Frank Kerns . Membership - Rick Skinner 859-824-6351.

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Grant County Cattlemen's Association - 7:30 p.m. March 6. Grant Co. Extension Office, Williamstown.

Grant County Farm Bureau Federation - 7:30 p.m. March 6. Farm Bureau office, 486 Helton, Williamstown.

Daughters of the American Revolution - 10 a.m. March 8. Call 824-7481 for meeting location.

Kentucky Backyard Beekeepers - 7 p.m. March 10. Grant County Extension Office, Baton Rouge Road, Williamstown.

Corinth Lions Club - 6:30 p.m. March 12. Noble's Restaurant, Corinth.

Grant County Women's Club - March 13. Call Lila McDaniel (859-824-4417) for more information.

Grant County Fair Board - 7 p.m. March 13. Grant County Extension Office, 105 Baton Rouge Road, Williamstown.

Williamstown Woman's Club - 7 p.m. March 13.

Grant Co. Flight of Civil Air Patrol - Mondays. 6:30 p.m. National Guard Armory. Walton. For information e-mail grantcountycap@gmail.com or go to www.kywgcap.org/.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Helping Hands - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 214 Barnes Road, Williamstown. Group's purpose is to provide emergency help, including food, clothing and furniture to needy families. Call 859-823-0286 for more information.

Grant County Thrift Store - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. 1398 N. Main St., Williamstown. Offers clothing and household items for sale to general public. For more information call 859-823-1327.

Dry Ridge Reuse Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday, 22 Warsaw Road, Dry Ridge. Non-profit offers new and used discounted building materials and home goods for sale to the public. Call Pastor Troy at 859-803-6043 for more information.

HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere) - 9 - 12 p.m Monday and Friday and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. 209 Hopperton Lane, Dry Ridge. A non-denominational Christian organization collects and distributes free to those in need. ID required.

100TH DAY CELEBRATION- Williamstown Elementary kindergartner Alyssa Hilterbrand makes a necklace using 100 Fruit Loops. Photo by Bryan Marshall

GOT PHOTOS TO SHARE? Do you like to snap photos around Grant County, or of your family or community events? Then, share them with the Grant County News by sending to: gcneditorial@grantky.com.

EDUCATION

GED Studies - Adult education classes are available at the Career Advancement Center, 2020 Taft Hwy. (the former JMB Center) in Dry Ridge. New transportation, child care services and evening classes are now available to GED students! All GED instruction is free. Call for more information at 823-1341 and visit www.grantged.com.

EXERCISE/FITNESS

Boot Camp/Core-ABS - 5:15 to 6 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays on March 3 through April 25. Basement of Williamstown Baptist Church. 10 - 10:45, Saturdays, Zumba. For more information, contact Jacqalynn Riley at 859-250-1301 or by e-mail at jacqalynnammerriley@yahoo.com.

Yoga - 6 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays Lloyd's Welfare House, Crittenden. Call 859-428-YOGA (9642) to register.

Body Works Gym - (Fashion Ridge Road, Dry Ridge). Mondays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m.; core - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays: butts and guts - 6 p.m. zumba - 7 p.m.; Wednesdays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m.; core - 7 p.m.; Thursdays: zumba - 7 p.m.; Fridays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m. and Saturdays: butts and guts - 9 a.m. Non-members - $3; members - free.

Clogging classes - 6 p.m. - recreational and 7 p.m. intermediate. Tuesdays, Ridge Banquet Center, 1120 Fashion Ridge Road. Dry Ridge. Call Fonda Hill at 859-760-8497 or by email at f.hill711@insightbb.com for more information.

Get Your Yoga On - 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. I-75 Outlet Mall. Cost is $40 or $6 a class. Free intro to yoga class, 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Follow 'Yoga for Grant County' on Facebook.

EXERCISE/FITNESS cont.

Zumba Fitness Classes - 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sherman Elementary and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Williamstown Christian Church. Call 859-462-1115 for information.

Zumba/Zumba Sentao/Zumba Toning Classes - 6:15 p.m. Monday and Friday. Williamstown Methodist Church. $4 per class with class incentives and prizes. Call 859-620-6488 for information.

FRIENDS OF SHERMAN TAVERN

Friends of Sherman Tavern - 7 p.m. March 6, Dry Ridge Baptist Church.

FISH FRY

ST. WILLIAM LENTEN FISH FRY - St. William Catholic Church, 6 Church Street, (U.S. 25, south off Waterworks Road) Williamstown. 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays begining on March 7 through April 11.

ST. JOSEPH FISH FRY - St. Jospeph in Walton. Fridays begining on March 7 through April 11. 4:30 to 8 p.m. Price is $10. Call 859-485-6444 or visit www.saintjosephacademy.net for more information.

GOVERNMENT GATHERINGS

Grant County Conservation District Board of Supervisors- 6:30 p.m. March 6 . USDA Service Center, 486 Helton St., Williamstown.

Grant County Library Board of Trustees - 6:30 p.m. March 10 . Barnes Road, Williamstown.

Williamstown Board of Education - 6 p.m. March 10. 300 Helton Street, Williamstown.

Grant County Tourism Commission 5 p.m., March 12. Grant County Chamber office Williamstown.

Grant County Board of Education - 6 p.m. March 13. 820 Arnie Risen Blvd., Williamstown.

HEALTH

Care Net Pregnancy Services - 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, 305 N. Main, Williamstown. Free pregnancy tests are available, as well as education about options. Call 859-824-0123 for more information.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Grant County Historical Society meeting - 6 p.m., March 10, Williamstown Baptist Church.
The program will be presented by Amy Row, entitled "Women Social Reformers of Kentucky."
Dinner will be $7.50 per person. There is no charge for the program which begins at 6:45 p.m. All who are interested in history are welcome. To make dinner reservations call 859-242-8685 or e mail bb15chips@aol.com .

Grant County Historical Society - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. or by appointment. Friday, Room 8, Grant County Courthouse. Books, documents and other memorabilia pertaining to the history of Grant County, Northern Kentucky and Kentucky are available to the public. Archives of the Capt. John Lillard Chapter of the N.S.D.A.R. are stored here. Appointments can be arranged. Call 859-242-8685 or bb15chips@aol.com for information.

GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

TO REGISTER FOR A LIBRARY PROGRAM: Call 859-824-2080 or go to www.grantlib.org.

Toddler Time - 10 a.m. Thursdays.
Preschool Time -11 a.m. Thursdays.

Alzheimer's Association - 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., March 7. Caring for someone with cognitive impairment is a 24-hour, 7-day challenge. This series of educational sessions provides an opportunity for families to learn and share together in an informal setting. Topics are presented by experts in their fields, including physicians, nurses, social workers and attorneys.

Intro to the Internet - 6-7 p.m. March 11. Library staff will show you how to open a Web browser, type in a Web site address and use search engines.

JUST FOR SENIORS

Williamstown Senior Center - Open 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Center manager: Joan Cornman. 859-824-6415. Activities: March 6 - 9:30 a.m. - Bridge Club, 10 a.m. to noon - free massage with Phil, 1 p.m. - cards; March 7 - 9:30 a.m. - Advisory Council meeting, 10:30 a.m. - time-saving kitchen tips; March 10 - 1 to 3 p.m. - senior commodities; March 11 - 9:30 a.m. - Bridge Club and Aging in Place, 10 a.m. - nutrition program with Patti Poore at the Grant County Extension Office; March 12 - day trip to Georgetown, Dollar Tree, Big Lots and Fat Boys BBQ. Depart at 9:30 a.m.

Crittenden Senior Citizens - 9 a.m. Wednesdays, in the Crittenden Post Office basement. Call 859-428-0213 for more information.

PARENT TEACHER GROUPS

MCE PTO - 6 p.m. - March 11
CMZ PTT - 6:30 p.m. - March 11

POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

Grant County Republican Party - 7 p.m., March 11. Williamstown City Building.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Grant County Special Olympics - 7 p.m. March 12. Williamstown Senior Center. This meeting is for coaches, athletes, parents and anyone interested in Special Olympics. For more information, call Beverly Bass at 859-322-7366.

SITE-BASED COUNCILS

Williamstown Elem. SBDM - 5:50 p.m. March 11 in the elementary conference room.
Grant Co. Middle School SBDM - 6 p.m. March 11
Mason Corinth Elem. School SBDM - 3:30 p.m. March 11

SUPPORT GROUPS

Relatives Raising Children- 6 - 7:30 p.m. March 10. Sherman Elementary. Call Nancy Powell at 428-5500 for more information.

AA (Alcoholic Anonymous) - 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Dry Ridge Christian Church.

Reformers Unanimous Addiction Program - 7 p.m. Mondays. First Love Community Fellowship, Dry Ridge. Program is free. Call 859-512-3908 for local meeting information or 866-733-6768 for the intervention helpline.

WEIGHT LOSS

Weight Watchers - Weigh-in - 5:30 p.m. Meeting - 6 p.m. Tuesday, St. William Catholic Church, 6 Church Drive, Williamstown.

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) - Weigh-in begins at 5:45 p.m. with the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Dry Ridge Toyota, 18 Taft Hwy. Call Verla Patton at 859-242-2773 or Faye Harvey at 859-428-2028.

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) - Weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. Fridays. Meeting is held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. St. William Catholic Church, 6 Church St., Williamstown. For information call Joyce at 859-654-2211.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs - 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday. Grant County Courthouse, Williamstown. Staff will assist veterans and widows/widowers of veterans in filing federal and state benefits. A copy of the veteran's discharge papers will be needed. For more information or to make an appointment, call 859-282-8583

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS?

HAZARD ELK HUNT- The Grant County News made it all the way to Hazard, Kentucky with Perry and Tiffany McClure of Elliston and Scott and Kellee Miller of Independence on a cow elk hunt.

When you travel, don't forget to pack a copy of the Grant County News. Snap a photo and send to: gcneditorial@grantky.com, send to P.O. Box 247 Williamstown or bring the photo in to the News office.

MILESTONES

BIRTH

Ellie Bea Koebbe

Koebbe, girl, Dec. 23, 2013

Nic and Liz Koebbe of Folsom would like to announce the birth of their daughter.

Ellie Bea Koebbe was born at 5:10 p.m. on Dec. 23, 2013 at the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood. She weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Chandra Poteet of Williamstown and Troy and Brooke Beach of Folsom.

Her paternal grandmother is Anita Koebbe of Dry Ridge.

Her maternal great grandparents are Lawson and Kathy Beach and Belenda Poteet.

Her paternal great grandparents are Bernie and Dorothy Darpel.

Chamber seeks award nominations

The Grant County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for recipients for the annual awards banquet.

Categories include:

- Grant Countian of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Excellence in Business
- Excellence in Education

A nomination packet is available at the Grant County Chamber of Commerce office at 1350 N. Main, Williamstown, Ky.

Award winners are selected by a panel of judge's outside the county. Winners will be announced at the annual banquet on April 5 at the Josephina in Dry Ridge. The deadline to submit a nomination is March 14. For more information, call the chamber at 859-824-3322.

Williamstown mayor appointed to National League of Cities' committee

Williamstown Mayor Rick Skinner has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2014 Engergy, Environment and Natural Resources Steering Committee.

This committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving air quality, water quality, energy policy, national wetlands policy, noise control and solid and hazardous waste management.

The appointment was announced by NLC President Chris Coleman, mayor, St. Paul, Minn.

"The committee is a real honor for Williamstown and I really enjoy serving on it," Skinner said.

This is Skinner's second year to serve on the committee. Skinner's predecessor, Glenn Caldwell, served on the same committee for four years.

"It is an honor to serve on the committee and I appreciate the work that former Mayor Glenn Caldwell did on the committee. He was instrumental in keeping Williamstown represented on this national committee," Skinner said.

The National League of Cities is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages.

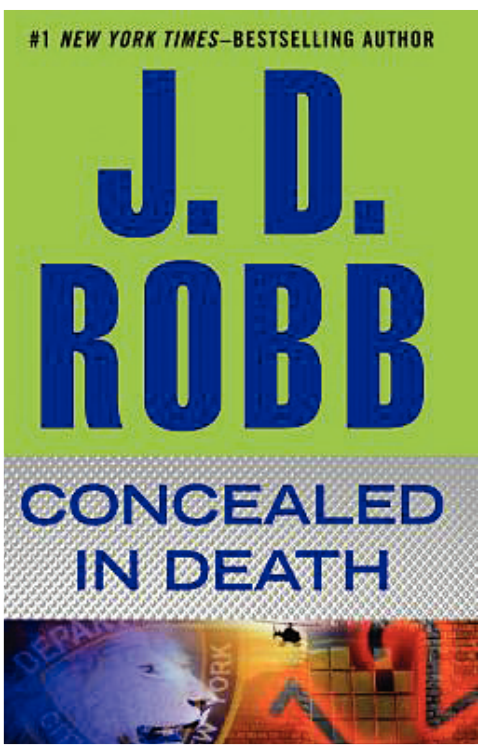
Mayor Rick Skinner

HOT READ:

Grant County Public Library March Book of the Month

Title: Concealed in Death
Author: J. D. Robb (Pseudonym for Nora Roberts)
Description: The latest in the ongoing "In Death" series set in mid-21st century New York. In a decrepit, long-empty New York building, Lieutenant Eve Dallas's husband begins the demolition process by swinging a sledgehammer into a wall. When the dust clears, there are two skeletons wrapped in plastic behind it. He summons his wife immediately—and by the time she's done with the crime scene, there are twelve murders to be solved.
Why you should read it: This series is full of suspense, humor, and romance. Don't be overwhelmed if you haven't read other books in the series. They are always complete stories that can be read out of order. If you are interested in more be sure to start with the first book, Naked in Death. Concealed in Death is available at the library in print, on audiobook, and on Nook e-readers that we have available for checkout.
Recommended by: Angie Gabbard, reader services librarian at Grant County Public Library

(Each month, a Grant County Public Library staff member will pick a book of the month to check out. All books are available at the library on Barnes Road in Williamstown.)



UPCOMING:

VITA offers tax assistance

The VITA program, volunteer income tax assistance program allows the most vulnerable populations to file for a refund with spending a substantial amount of that refund on basic tax preparation.

Brighton Center currently operates at three VITA sites in Newport, Florence and Grant County and has two self prepare sites available at Gateway Community College.

The Grant County tax season is from every Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m. beginning Feb. 5 through March 26, 2014.

Tax season for other sites is every Saturday, Feb. 1 through April 12, 2014.

For more information, call 859-491-8303 Earlene Johnson at ext 2327 or Stephanie Stiene at ext. 2324.

Brighton Center Financial Services also offers financial education, home ownership, individual accounts, reverse mortgage and credit smart loan programs. For more information, call 859-491-8303 ext. 2314 or e-mail at financialservices@brightoncenter.com.

Extension office holds classes

• March 27 - Split Bottom Seat Weaving at 6 p.m. Orientation meeting at the extension office. Bring in your item and Linda Lawrence will help determine what material you will need to weave a new seat. This is not chair caning. Cost will be the materials needed for your item. The next session will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 21. This session will be the hands on weaving. Call 859-824-3355 if you plan to attend the orientation.

• April 1 - Basic alterations at 6:30 p.m. Have you got some pants that need hemming or pants that don't fit right at the waist? Learn to hem and alter these items at home and save money. Marjorie Baker, UK Clothing Specialist, will be here to help you learn. Registration is required by calling 859-824-3355.

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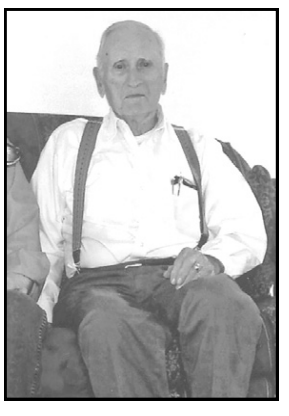

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"Retirement: World's longest coffee break." - Unknown author

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GOT AN OPINION?

The Grant County News wants to hear from you. Letters of local interest are more likely to be published.

Political Endorsement Policy

The News will publish letters of political endorsement. The policy concerning letters of endorsement is:

- Letters are limited to 200 words or less.
- The News will publish only one letter per candidate from a particular individual. That means if you submit five letters to endorse the same candidate for a particular office, only one of your letters will be printed.
- Endorsement letters will not be printed the week prior to the election.
- The deadline to submit a letter of endorsement is 5 p.m. May 2, 2014.
- Letters of endorsment must follow the same guidelines as other letters to the editor. They'll be edited for grammar, length and clarity. Libelous letters will not be printed.

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PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Taking a walk down memory lane

Ken
STONE
Publisher

As you read this I have less than four weeks left of my newspaper career. So read on as I take a walk down memory lane.

I came to Grant County, from Harrison County, in August of 1988. But, I'm old now so if I didn't it doesn't really matter as all the dates are in the past and it isn't going to stop or change anything.

Here's a brief look at my first six months in Grant County.

The first person to come storming into my vine and tree limb-lined office was someone bent on telling me how important they and especially their husband were.

"Do you know who I am?" they angrily asked. "Do you know who my husband is?"

"I don't care," I said. "News is what news is."

Sometime later a man came into my office.

"I'm going to Florida to kill the attorney general," he said.

"Why are you telling me this?" I asked.

"Well, I got off the interstate and I saw your newspaper sign and I wanted to show you some photographs of the pain I have suffered," he replied.

I wrote a column about this soon after the event; soon after he had left the office and soon after I reported the visit to the Kentucky State Police that a man had left my office on his way to shoot the attorney general of Florida.

I did see the photographs he had and they were indeed disturbing. He was a veteran of the war in the Pacific and had suffered from a jungle rot disease that permanently plagued such survivors.

The attorney general of Florida somehow evoked his wrath because of some legislation or lack of legislation that Florida was dealing with. I never received any follow up information from the police nor was the attorney general ever shot.

Soon after the prior incident a woman came into my office. She handed me her diary.

She explained to me that she had been a prostitute for the mafia and that the mafia was to execute her in six months.

Later, I, possibly inappropriately, asked someone if the mafia was having financial problems and they had to wait until there was money budgeted for executions.

I read the diary and it was quite interesting, with photographs, and with much of the beginning making a valid case for her story. The latter part slipped into deep paranoia. Sometimes the mafia manipulated her car so that it would not start. Sometimes they let the air out of her tires.

Far past the scheduled time of her planned demise I would pass her while walking in downtown Williamstown. We would say hello to each other. I hope she is well today.

I had been sent to Williamstown twice before I began working at the downtown News office. I had come from Cynthiana to do the newspaper's budget. The office was incredibly "dumpy."

When I first arrived for full-time employment downtown Williamstown had: two restaurants, two hardware stores, an appliance and jewelry store, a drug store with food counter making it the third restaurant, a real estate office, TV repair shop, a certified public accountant, the Grant County Public Library, barbers and hair care salons, an antique shop, florist and some other assorted businesses. Only a few remain.

Recently, while telling Ed Feldmann about all the stores that were in Williamstown when I first arrived, he replied, "So, what did you do to run them all out?"

I designed a new office, on a napkin at Alice's Restaurant. Bill Wilson built the office I designed inside his building that was soon sold to Marlene's Flowers and Catering. Later, I designed an office, on a napkin, that our present landlord built for us attached to the historic Hogan House. Unplanned, the Grant County News moved from Williamstown on the exact day that they had moved, 100 years earlier, from Dry Ridge to Williamstown.

I have the napkins. Too bad there's not a local museum for them to be displayed in.

It was Alice's Restaurant, later known as Michael's Steak House, that the first of my Grant County era doodles began showing up. Those doodles today, if surviving, are valued at $200 per doodled napkin. Today's average value is $3 to $20. Those featuring Bryan Miles and Terry Conrad are said to be valued much higher and there is a content warning that must be mentioned.

When I cough, both Miles and Conrad, begin counting their collection and imagine cashing in on their good fortune as they have possession of hundreds of such drawings.

Sadly and with apologies, I have lost a couple friends because I included them in my doodles. That's why, if you are looking over my shoulder while I'm drawing, my reply is always, "No. It's not you in the drawing. . . unless you are Terry Conrad or Bryan Miles – then it is probably you."

People often stop me today and mention that they have a favorite story. Many liked the Christmas stories from the Corinth Riviera days where deer entangled themselves in lights and giant inflatable snowmen loosened by high winds terrorized I-75 drivers.

I still get a lot of comments on my irate rant about the differences in chocolate pudding. So, let's get this straight. Instant chocolate pudding isn't really pudding.

Though no local story was generated out of the girl from Belgium or the medals looking for their soldier's child, I was very proud to have been a key to successful endings.

Through our web site, a very young Belgium girl who had volunteered to take care of a Hazard, Ky. soldier's grave, located in Belgium, contacted me. Her connection was the word "Kentucky." I helped her find the family of the soldier.

An aging sister, of another soldier that had died during the war in Europe, contacted me. Her brother once lived in Grant County. He was killed in Europe while his child was not yet born. This aging sister had medals she wanted to pass on to the child if she could be found.

The child was found living in Owen County, connected to her aunt and the medals and whatever other memories were passed on.

Grant County News Trivia:

- I don't put headlines on my columns. I pass them to the editorial staff and never see the headline until it is printed.
- There hasn't been a Marigold Day or Derby Day Festival that I have not been a part of organizing for the past 26 years.
- Dennis Stanley and I both came up with the Kiwanis Charity Auction idea at the same time and that's how we began working the event together 17 years ago.

Here are a few things I think you should consider and remember; life lessons, maybe.

- I don't think the Internet can preserve the history of communities with any sense of respectability. I think the community newspaper, if they ever go away, would be a true loss of verifiable community identity.
- I think that community newspapers, if they every ceased to be, would open the door for a new era of graft, misuse and corruption by future local officials.
- It's not my time anymore. "Touch – You are it."

Maybe the management of the newspaper that follows me will let me report, by column, from retirement. They know I work cheap. I guess that you could also influence the decision.

Please come see me at my retirement reception at the Josephina, across the street from the News office, from 4 to 6 p.m. (officially) on Friday, March 21.

(Ken Stone is publisher of the Grant County News, at least through March 28. He can be reached at kstone@grantky.com or by calling 824-3343.)

Personally Speaking
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A WORD FROM OUR READERS…

The blizzard of March 4 that brought Joyce Ann Webster in the world

It was March 4 and there was already a significant amount of snow on the ground and we were due for more snow. My husband, Harold Lee Webster, worked at the Old Mill Garage that was located on the Covington hill at the time. I had to come to Williamstown to stay with relatives so that I would be close our family doctor, Dr. Waldrop. Our sons, ages 4 to 8 years old were with me and had been delivered at home by Dr. Waldrop so I knew this delivery would be just fine.

My husband, Lee as most people called him, could not get to Williamstown that night due to the massive amount of snow on the ground. He stayed with one of my brothers in Covington. I told him everything was fine and that our little bundle showed no signs of wanting to come out as of yet.

Well, early the next day, March 4 I awoke rather early with …yes… labor pains. I wasn't surprised due the fourth birth is usually quicker. I called Lee and he said he didn't know how he would get to Williamstown with the whole state at a stand still due to the weather. I was off the main road in a rural area, which made it worse.

Ok, I'll call Dr. Waldrop to see how son he can come to deliver our little bundle. I called and Dr. Waldrop stated there was no way he could get to where I was and I really needed to get to his office. It just so happened my brother; Stan had a wagon and a team of horses that he used to around the farm. Stan and my sister, Lenie hitched the team of horses to the wagon and went in and took all the bed clothes off three beds and placed them in the wagon and in I went.

They took me a little over a mile to the neighbor's house, Charles Howe, who in turn put me in his vehicle and into town to Dr. Waldrop's office. Talk about timing, we arrived at 8 a.m. and Joyce Ann Webster came in to this world at 11 a.m. I didn't have my family there but Dr. Waldrop's nurse, Margaret Ackman, was such a good nurse and was like a mother there helping me the whole time.

My three boys were staying with a good neighbor named Annie House who was 78-years-old. She was the sweetest thing but could be stern and she always wore an apron. They were told to be on their best behavior and I knew I had my doubts. They had their little toy pistols they always played with so I thought that would keep them entertained until their dad got them. He decided to go to them since Joyce and I were fine.

After the delivery and because they did not have a 'room' for us to stay in nor was there a hospital around, I would need to try and get back home if possible. By that time, road crews had begun to clear the roads and neighbors were doing their part to dig out. Dr. Waldrop said "I'll get you a ride back to your brother's, just rest a while."

They wheeled me out the door and parked in front waiting for us was Walter Coats Funeral Home hearse. Oh my I thought but I was so ready to get to my brothers and rest, so I climbed in the front and off we went. The neighborhood did not know what to think when the hearse came down the road and delivered my new daughter and I.

After Joyce and I got settled, they brought the boys home and I asked if they had been good. I could tell by their faces that they had not. I also noticed that they were not carrying their toy pistols and asked where they were.

They began their big story and it ended with Annie Oakley had taken their pistols and put them in her apron. They said she reminded them of the lady in movie with the part "Annie! Get your gun." So from that moment on she was referred to as Annie Oakley.

Lee had gone back to work and a few police officers stopped by like they did everyday to visit. Lee told them the story of how his daughter was born and they said if they had knew he needed to get to Williamstown they would have had the helicopter get hem there in time.

Now that would have been an added story line.

So this is the story of how Joyce Ann Robbins came into this world on a snow covered March day, traveling to the doctor in a wagon and home in a hearse, with so family and friends fighting the elements making sure the bundle of joy joined the Webster family. What a great day it was.

Ethel Webster
Williamstown

DOWN AND DIRTY

Seed starting indoors gets jump on early season crops

I have my orders placed for onion sets and seed potatoes along with some of my favorite summer crops that will be directly seeded in the garden once the temperatures really warm…I can barely stand the wait. I have just seeded out several trays of early season vegetables that like a cool start to the season. Kale, broccoli, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts are just beginning to push through the light potting mix.

My set up is not elaborate; it basically consists of a kit that includes a plastic dome that fits over a seed tray and pan. Andy got me a heated mat for Christmas a couple years back so this helps to deliver some bottom heat to the try and expedite the germination of certain crops that really like it warm like tomatoes, peppers and eggplant. You don't need a kit, however, you can craft your own using shallow containers (or a shallow flat with drainage holes, like you would get if you bought a flat of pansies), fill the flat with sterile growing medium like a 50-50 mix of vermiculite and peat moss, and then top it off with some clear plastic. Of course, you need to plant some seed at some point.

Moisten your germinating mix in a bucket before filling your flat; then take a pencil and make several shallow furrows in the mix; drop your seeds in (check planting depth on the seed packet, some seeds need light to germinate so you do not want to cover them with your germinating mixture); gently moisten again with your spray bottle and cover with a plastic hood or homemade tent (if you prefer the homemade version use pop sickle sticks to support your tent). Plug in your heated mat if included, germination really does benefit from some bottom warmth. The plastic covering increases the relative humidity and moderates the soil moisture as the seeds germinate. Open the tent daily to see if more moisture is needed, mist accordingly using your spray bottle. Consistency is necessary for both moisture and warmth.

Jeneen
WICHE
Weekend Gardener

Transplanting seedlings

Seeds need varying degrees of warmth to germinate so for cool season crops you may not need any more heat then what a sunny window or some grow lights will provide. Summer crops will benefit from an additional source like a heating mat. You don't want to cook your seeds, just keep them on the warm side. It is not ideal to put them by a heat register or refrigerator because this is an inconsistent source of warmth and the air movement dries the seedlings out. If your tray is in a bright window you will need to rotate the tray daily once the seedling emerge; grow lights overhead are ideal because the seedlings grow stout and straight.

Once your seedlings emerge remove the covering and begin to water the tray from the bottom to maintain even moisture (not soggy). Once the second set of true leaves form (those that are the shape that you associate with the plant) your adolescent seedlings are ready to be transplanted into their own pot containing transplant mix; you can use small pots left over from store-bought plants. Once they are transplanted return them to their light source (if they are in a window give them a quarter turn every day so they grow straight). Continue to water your transplants from the bottom when needed, adding some diluted fish emulsion fertilizer once a week and when conditions are right for your plants (check the seed package for details) acclimate them to the outdoors before planting in the garden. Put them outside in the shade, first, gradually moving them into the sunlight; they will be ready to plant in the garden in about a week.

(Jeneen Wiche is an avid gardener from Shelbyville. She can be reached at Jwiche@shelbybb.net. or at www.SwallowRailFarm.com)

ANOTHER PLACE IN TIME

This Another Place In Time photo features the Work family reunion in approximately 1918 on Fairview Road in Grant County. In the 1890's Fairview Road was a toll road and tolls were collected at this location. The families represented were Work, Caldwell, Bennet, Brumback and Ashcraft. Pictured are front row, Bill Brumback, Edith Brumback McClanahan, Christina Caldwell, Alice Brumback, Andrew Work, Eloise and Freda Work, Dillion, Argust and Lula Bennett; middle row, Lida Brumback, Ellen Work, Edna Brumback, Clyde Caldwell and Laura and Herbert Caldwell; back row, Bill Work, Ezekial Work, Cleve Brumback, Chester Caldwell, Walter Bennett, Clarence Caldwell, Letha Caldwell, Hazel Brumback, Ollie Work and Berdella and Claude Caldwell. Thanks to Brenda Afterkirk of Williamstown, Kay Hicks of Dry Ridge and Eddie West for calling in a guess and thanks to William Kenner for submitting the photo.

If you've got an old photo, you'd like to see featured in the News, bring it to the News office. Photos can be scanned and returned in the same visit.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

15 Years

March 4, 1999

The Dry Ridge Elementary Lady Cats were the 1998 champions in their division of Grant County Youth Basketball. The members were Angel House, Amber Spray, Ashley Ammer, Amber Billiter, Nicole Liford, Heather Gilbert, Lauren Howe, Catlin Lacey, Brittany Ammer, Jennifer Kessen and Chelsea Slone.

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Two students from Grant County were named to the Western Kentucky University dean's list for the fall 1998 semester. Included are Jacquie Daniels and Clay Dennison, both of Crittenden. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have a grade point average of 3.4 to 3.79. Carla Given of Dry Ridge was named to the president's list.

25 Years

March 9, 1989

Jimmy Roberts of Dry Ridge received '89 Most Valuable Player of Pendleton County Invitational Tour. Jimmy is a seventh grader at the middle school and has a total of 305 points for the season for the Warriors.

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Dennis and Donna Hutcherson are proud to announce that their son, Chris Hutcherson, a sophomore at Thomas More College, has been named to the dean's list for the second straight semester. Hutcherson has a 3.8 grade point average for the spring semester and a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester.

50 Years

March 6, 1964

Williamstown City Council, in session Monday night, reemployed city police officers and voted to employ one new officer, all at salaries of $250 per month. Re-employed were Charles Estridge, Claud Pulliam and Charlie Hudson. The new officer is Shelby Hisel.

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Robert O. Taylor, reviewing appraiser in the mortgage loan and real estate investment department of Prudential Insurance Company of America has been transferred from Louisville to Columbia S.C. They are making preparation to move. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Taylor of Williamstown.

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FAITH & VALUES

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:5, 6 (KJV)

GRACE NOTES

You can't have that, it's mine

In our editorial conference room at the newspaper I write for, during reporter staff meetings I sit in the end seat nearest the door.

It doesn't have my name on it, but that's my seat.

It's not necessarily the best seat at the table; it's just mine. It's where I sit.

A few weeks ago, I walked into a reporter's meeting and Mike, another reporter was in my seat.

I must've sprouted demon horns or else my head twisted around a few times because everyone already seated looked at me as if trouble was about to erupt.

With all the unrighteous indignation I could muster masked by fake humility and sweetness, I did a silent Star Trek Vulcan mind meld into Mike's brain.

When he didn't get the message I said, "Um. You're in my seat."

Confused/scared/amused/chagrinned, Mike asked, "Do you want me to move?"

What a silly question that needed no answer. He gathered up his notebooks, pen, calendar and took a seat at the end of the table. Far away from me, as I recall.

As I regained my rightful place, my head untwisted and my demon horns receded and we went on with our meeting.

In defense of my indefensibly rude behavior, I wouldn't act that way with just anyone. Only the people I work with who should know better than to sit in my seat.

If it had been a guest at our meeting, I would have quietly taken another seat, but I can't say that I wouldn't try to send telepathic messages to the person squatting on my territory.

Nancy
KENNEDY

Grace Notes

Oh, I jest. Maybe.

It reminds me of years ago when my church went from three worship services to two during the summer, and a family I'd never met started coming to my usual service — and sitting in my usual seat on the front row.

Seriously, who but short, easily-distracted people sit on the front row at church?

Because, you know, I'm a Christian and should act like Jesus (who most likely wouldn't throw a hissy fit if someone sat in his seat), I didn't say anything and just sat directly behind them. I may or may not have coughed.

The next week I made sure I got to church extra, extra early to stake out my spot, but those wily pew squatters beat me to it by about 10 seconds.

I know they had no idea of the drama and trauma and turmoil I suffered all summer trying to keep my seat mine — some weeks I "won" and some weeks they did — but I knew God knew.

I'm still surprised he didn't throw a brick in my face or sell me to traveling gypsies.

My point, other than I can be territorial and immature, is that it's always the seemingly insignificant irritations that God uses to show me my true heart.

I don't know about you, but most of the time I think of myself as pretty darned OK. I'm reasonably nice to cats, and occasionally to people. I've never been in a fist fight.

I attend church almost every week, sometimes read my Bible and try to keep at least two or three out of the 10 commandments every day.

Sometimes I even do something that's not completely self-serving so I can feel holy and proud because of it.

However, it's usually when I start thinking that I'm doing OK, maybe not as good as some, but definitely better than most and that God must be pleased, that some rotten pew squatters or seat stealer ruins my feelings of OKness.

Suddenly, I'm not as OK as I think.

Instead, I'm petty and trivial. Ungenerous. Unloving. Ungracious. All the "un" labels that I tend to assign to other people.

I don't like it when people sit in my seat. But even more, I don't like to be shown my true heart.

Sin truly is horrific. It's insidious and sneaky. Most likely I'll never murder anyone, but I'll always want my seat and won't want anyone else to have it.

And you know what? That seemingly trivial sin caused Jesus to willingly die upon the cross. Jesus died because I want my seat. How horrific is that?

But the good news is, because he died, my sin is forgiven.

Oh, the amazing grace of God that saved a wretch like me!

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CATERING TO ALL ANIMALS

Jeanie Broyles prepares a bag of rice to be shipped to missionaries in Haiti. Photo submitted.

Williamstown Christian feeds starving families

Since October members of the Williamstown Christian Church have been hearing facts and figures about hungry children and adults in the world. In January they began collecting change in blue plastic cups labeled "A Cup of Cold Water in Jesus' Name." All this culminated on recently when between 45 and 50 volunteers met at the church to pack boxes of food.

This was the IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) food packaging event. Randy Jones of IDES arrived in a box truck loaded with boxes of food. Tables were set up and assembly lines formed. A volunteer worked at each station. A plastic bag was filled with soy, dried vegetables, a vitamin packet and rice. The bags were weighed, sealed and packed in large cardboard boxes. Each bag will feed six people.

The group had prepared 8,144 meals. The boxes were loaded onto the truck to be delivered to IDES headquarters near Indianapolis. They will be shipped to missionaries in Haiti who will oversee the distribution to starving people and at the same time share the message of Jesus Christ. Thus the food not only feeds a hungry child but becomes a tool for sharing the Gospel. Each meal costs 25 cents.

CHURCH NOTES

Christ Community Assembly of God

• March 7 and March 8 - The church is participating in the Call To Purity conference to be held at Williamstown Baptist. If you need more information on the conference or the church, call Rhonda Fields at 859-394-2586.

• March 9 – Annual business meeting, following the 11 a.m. morning worship service.

• Wednesdays – Beatitudes at 7 p.m.

• Sundays - Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11a.m.; prayer at 3:30 p.m.; Wednesday service with adult Bible fellowship and KidZone at 7 p.m.

• The church is located at 139 North Main St. in Williamstown.

Corinth Christian

• March 9 - Singspiration at 6 p.m. at the Williamstown Christian Church.

• March 12 - Ladies Aid Meeting at 6:30 p.m., choir practice at 5:30 p.m. and evening service at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday Night.

• Wednesday night Bible study at 7 p.m.

• Bible Book for March Book is Luke.

• Sundays- Choir practice at 5:30 p.m. with worship services at 6:30 p.m.

Corinth Community Christian Center

• Pastor Gary Gross

• Fridays – Youth services at 6 p.m.

Corinth Shiloh Full Gospel

• Pastor Gary Gross

• Sunday services – 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. church service; 6 p.m. church service; Wednesday service – 6 p.m. church service.

Crittenden Christian Disciples of Christ

• All are welcome at Crittenden Christian Church. To learn more about the church, contact the church at 859-428-2210 or go to www.crittendenchristian.com.

• Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. and every Tuesday-Bible study begins at 10:30 a.m.

Dry Ridge Baptist

• March 9 – The church will be hearing "Gift of Grace," from Judy Leathers and Ruby Toombs. These ladies share God's message of grace through Jesus Christ and minister in His name for His glory. Gift of Grace has no other purpose but to lift up the name of Jesus in song and testimony.

• March 11 - The Night Baptist Women will meet 6 p.m.

Dry Ridge Presbyterian

• March 9 – First Sunday of Lent; 10 a.m. Lenten Book Discussion of "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard at 11 a.m. worship. Sermon: "Temptation, Again" (Genesis 2:15-17; Matthew 4:1-11)

• The church is located at 15 Warsaw Road in Dry Ridge. For more information, call 824-5622 or go to www.dryridgepresbyterian.com.

Family Worship Center

• March 7 and March 8 - A Call to Purity Weekend. Space is limited.

• March 9 - Carolyn Clark will be ministering. She is the third generation of women ministers in her family. She draws from both her evangelical roots and her Pentecostal "fathers in the faith." She is known for vibrant teaching and preaching with a strong emphasis on the Love of God and the person and power of the Holy Spirit.

• March 9 - URGENCY Youth Summer Camp registrations are due.

First Love

• Mondays - Reformers Unanimous for anyone with an addiction of any kind at 7 p.m.

Visit the website @ http://www.firstloveky.org/ for service times, events, sermons and much more.

• March 14 – March 15 – Children's Lock Inn from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m.

• Sundays new study in the old testament at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.; Monday Hurt, Habit and Hang up Group at 7 p.m.; Wednesday "Nugget of Truth with Prayer" at 7 p.m.; Thursdays –Women's Bible study at 11 a.m.

God's Community

• Pastor - Landon Scott.

• Sunday school at 10 a.m. worship services at 11 a.m. and evening worship services at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

Harvest Apostolic

• The church is enjoying the benefits of seeds long planted with baptisms and power packed services.

Lystra Church of Christ

• Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

Mt. Carmel Baptist

• Check channel 9 WCPO or 27 WKYT, as well as email and Facebook for bad weather cancellations.

• The WMU will again be sponsoring the baby bottle ministry for CareNet.

• Any adults and youth interested in KY Changers, see Lori Dunn.

Mt. Olivet Christian

• Registration for the summer mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee from June 22-28 began on Sunday. The cost is $325 and the church will pay half of this fee. Space is limited to 40 people, so sign up today if you are interested in being a part of this trip.

• Sunday morning services are at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

• The e-4 student ministry group (teen small groups for middle and high school students) meets at 5 p.m. for dinner on Sundays followed by large and small group worship and study.

• Adult Bible study continues to meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the church and other home small groups are meeting throughout the week as well.

• Ladies prayer group will meet the first and third Saturdays.

Mt. Zion Baptist

• Sunday worship at 10 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m., evening worship at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for Bible study; Team Kids are meeting every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

New Beginnings

• The church is located at 28 Broadway St. in Dry Ridge. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Mark Partin at 824-0947.

• Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday services at 11a.m. Sunday evening services at 6 p.m. Wednesday services at 7 p.m.

New Life Apostolic

• Pastor - Jonathon Myers. Transportation provided. Contact Bro. Meyers at 859-428-3120.

• Sunday service at 10 a.m., Sunday evening service at 7 p.m. and at 7 p.m. and Thursday services at 7 p.m.

Oak Ridge Baptist

• The sewing group meets at noon each Tuesday (weather permitting). They are making quilts for Sunrise Children's Home.

• Sunday School at 10 a.m.; morning worship at 11 a.m.; children's church at 11 a.m.; Ra's, Ga's at 6 p.m.; evening worship at 6 p.m.; Wednesday prayer service at 6 p.m.

Revive

• Revive is a new church composed of a combination of members of Church 20/20, Group 116 and Grace Baptist who will now be meeting at in the former location of Vineyard (the old Pic Pac Building) on U.S. 25 in Williamstown.

• Co-pastors are Earl Breeden (859-814-7594) and Josh Cummins.

• Worship leader: C.J. Walters

Sherman Full Gospel

• Pastor Ray Gaines

• Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m., Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church at 859-428-2200.

Sherman Church of Christ

• Traditional service from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school 9:45 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.; praise gathering from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and evening service at 7 p.m.

• Return all Care Net baby bottles back to church empty or with a donation.

• March 9 - Mission trip team meeting at 2 p.m. for the Haiti mission team.

• March 9 - Roger Babik will be here with Daniel and Kafui Kpowbie, field missionaries in Togo (West Africa) and partners in the work of Mawuto Farm plus sewing shop, clothing distribution and orphan care ministry in partnership with MASTER Provisions.

• March 16 through March 19 - 2014 Spring Revival. Meeting at 7 p.m. at the church each evening with Derek Stump as the evangelist.

Stringtown Christian

• The church is located at 8475 Cordova Road in Berry.

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• Wednesday Night Bible study and youth meeting at 7 p.m.

Williamstown Christian

This month the minister's messages are about the early church, from the book of Acts.

• The Singspiration scheduled for March 2 was postponed because of the weather. A new date will be announced.

• If you do not have a church home you are welcomed at Williamstown Christian.Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.; worship at 10:30 a.m. Classes and worship time are provided for children. Evening service at 6:p.m.

Williamstown United Methodist

• March 9 - Worship Alive! at 8:30 a.m., fellowship time at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m., afternoon worship at 11 a.m. The church has five adult Sunday School classes available, Sunday School classes for preschool through 12th grade and traditional worship at 11 a.m.

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RECENT DEATHS

William Simpson, 80

William W. Simpson, 80, of Dry Ridge, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014, at his residence.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Colson Simpson of Dry Ridge; sons, Tommy Simpson of Lexington and Scotty Simpson of Dry Ridge; daughters, Mickie Schock of Walton and Beth Glass of Dry Ridge; brothers, Lee Roy Simpson of Dry Ridge, Glenn Simpson of Moores Hill, Ind., Virgil Simpson of Hollywood, Fla., Charlie Simpson of Nashville, Ga., David Simpson of Highland Heights and Larry Simpson of Williamstown; sisters, Mildred Long of Milford, Ohio, Joyce Miller of Crittenden and Margie Harris of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Funeral services were held on March 2 at the Sherman Church of Christ.

Burial was in the Antioch Church Cemetery in Corinth.

William McClure, 77

William Wade McClure, 77, of Dry Ridge, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Edgewood.

Survivors include his sons, William McClure, Jr. of Stanford, Frederick McClure of Dry Ridge, Edward McClure of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Teddy McClure and Ned McClure, both of Crittenden; a daughter, Delois Wesley of Liberty; a brother, Leonard McClure of Broadhead; sisters, Doris Harris of Crab Orchard and Lilly Debore of Crab Orchard; 10 grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Graveside services were held on Feb. 28 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown.

Beverly Edmondson, 64

Beverly Lane Edmondson, 64, of Dry Ridge, died Sunday, March 2, 2014, at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, Delano Edmondson of Dry Ridge, KY; a son, Erik Edmondson of Park Hills; a daughter, Canarissa Martin of Berea; her mother, Jerene Rose of Dry Ridge; brothers, Gary Rose of Crittenden and Tim Rose of Dry Ridge and a grandson.

Visitation was held on March 5 with funeral services being held at 1 p.m. on March 6 at the Eckler-McDaniel Funeral Home in Dry Ridge.

Burial will be in the New Vine Run Cemetery in Dry Ridge.

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is now offering personalized paid obituaries for families wishing to include more information and a photograph. A standard obituary listing is still provided for free. All obituary information must be submitted through a funeral home or crematorium for verification.

Hubert Lusby, 93

Hubert G. Lusby, 93, of Williamstown, died Monday, March 3, 2014, at the Grant Center.

He was the co-owner/operator, with his brother and father, of the Triple L Company and later he worked in hardware at Bruce's Grocery until December 2013.

Hubert Lusby

He was also a trustee of Northward Christian Assembly, a member of the Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ and a WWII veteran of the US Army Air Corps.

Survivors include his daughters, Lynn Pratt of Cincinnati and Jenna Lusby of Williamstown; a brother, Delbert Lusby of Williamstown; a sister, Norma Lusby of Berry; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sadie Evelyn Henry Lusby; a sister, Eileen Sweeney and his parents, June and Ethel Osborne Lusby.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon with funeral services being held at noon on Saturday, March 8 at the Williamstown Christian Church.

Burial will be in the Williamstown Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Northward Christian Assembly, P.O. Box 128, Falmouth, KY 41040 or Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ, 3735 Cordova Rd., Williamstown, KY 41097.

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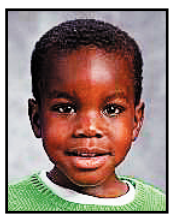
STUDENTS

Williamstown

Preschool

Isaac Thompson

Isaac Thompson is the WES Preschool Student of the Week. He is in Pam Mullin's preschool class.



His favorite thing about school is playing with friends. "Isaac is very polite and kind. Whenever a new student comes into the room, he greets them with a hug and a smile, introduces himself and makes them feel welcome. He volunteers to help set the breakfast table and helps his friends clean up toys in the room. He is joy to have in the classroom." Mullins said.

His favorite book is Dump Trucks. His favorite thing to do as a family is play outside.

Primary

Emma Hegge

Emma Hegge is the WES primary student of the week.

She is in Amy Hickman's second grade class. Her favorite thing about school is reading.

"Emma is such a pleasure to have in class. She always works hard, and asks questions when she doesn't understand something. She is friendly to everyone, and always willing to help out!" Hickman said. Her favorite book is Ivy and Bean.

Her favorite thing to do as a family is spend time together.

Intermediate

Savannah Fowler

Savannah Fowler is the WES Intermediate student of the week.

She is in Anna Thompson's fourth grade class. Her favorite thing about school is language arts class.

"She always comes in with a smile on her face and never wants to miss out on school! Savannah is very attentive and helpful to others. Her attitude and work ethic is very contagious and worth catching!" Thompson said. Her favorite book is Because of Winn Dixie.

Her favorite thing to do as a family is go on vacation.

Grant County Middle School

D'Anthony Coates

D'Anthony Coates is the Grant County Middle School Mayan Student of the Week.

He is off to an exceptional start this year. He is completing his work and showing positive leadership.

Coates demonstrates intelligence, respect, determination and positive energy to the Mayan team.

Grant County High School

Makayla Greathouse

Makayla Greathouse is the Grant County High School Student of the Week. She is a senior and is in Jeff Bohman's class.

"Makayla is a great group leader in math class. She communicates well with others and works well with others on projects in class." Bohman said.

Her favorite thing to do in school is health sciences because she gets to learn the basics of what she needs for nursing and also because she gets to be with her favorite teacher Lawson.

Her favorite book is The Giver because it shows a different style of living and an insider's look on how he wants his life to change.

Her favorite thing to do as a family is to just hang out and watch movies. She loves to stay in and experience something new with them.

Grant County celebrates 100 days down How many more to go?

Students at Crittenden-Mt. Zion Elementary recently celebrated the 100th day of school by letting go of balloons.

Left: CMZ students June Lilly and Caidan Middleton make hats to celebrate the 100th day of school.

Below: Williamstown Elementary kindergartner Ian Fox decorates his pretzel rod with icing for a 100th day snack.

MCE student Kinmon Chandler celebrated the 100th day of school in Jackie Crupper's kindergarten class by making a necklace with 100 pieces of cereal. Photo submitted

MCE students Shelby Nicholson, Johnathan Perkins and Emily Henry celebrate the 100th day by making a tower with 100 cups. Photo by Camille McClanahan

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CMZ first graders become '100-year-olds'

CMZ first grade teachers Angela Lawrence, Jennifer Wright, Tabatha Gaines and Lindsey Elrod dress as 100-year-olds to celebrate the 100th day of school. Photos by Bryan Marshall

Ben Carr, Kelsey Collins, Dacoda Gambrell, Melina Baker, Ariana Dalton and Avery Case

Joie Ginder, Jayden Young, Kennedy Baumgartner and Johnny Huff

William Walker, Mackenzie Creech, Mekaylah Wagers and Carson Fugate

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TEAM TY

SCHOOL: calendars adjusted

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Nancy Rodriguez of the Kentucky Department of Education said there is a provision in a regulation that allows school district that have missed and made up 20 school days to apply to the commissioner of education for disaster days.

If the waiver is approved, the district could not have to make up all or part of the days missed after the 20th snow day.

"I imagine at some point we will apply for a waiver," Lacey said. "But, it's a one-shot deal so we're going to wait to see how many more (snow days) we get. However, there is not guarantee that the commissioner will approve it."

There are several bills being discussed in the General Assembly as well that could impact school calendars.

Currently, school districts are mandated to have a minimum of 170 instructional days and 1,062 hours.

Rep. Brian Linder, R-Dry Ridge, said he is working on a bill that would eliminate the 170-day requirement, but keep the 1,062-hour mandate.

"It would allow schools to expand their days," Linder said. "So, they may go 168 days and just expand their days so they can get 1,062 hours. Some schools around the state already had several days built into their calendar and they may be going 177 days. So, they have this flexibility to expand the minutes in their days and still meet the 170 days. There are some schools districts, however, that are at the 170 right now and if expand your day it is not going to help them any."

The law also states that districts are allowed to have five emergency hours or delays in which a day with a delay is still counted toward the 170 required days.

Any delays past those five emergency hours could not be counted, said Linder.

Another bill would allow all days with delays to be used toward the 170 days.

"It helps a more urban county like Fayette County, Boone County and Kenton County," Linder said. "They have a lot of delays. In a rural county like Grant, if the roads are bad, another hour is not going to help you. You're going to have to cancel school all day."

Regardless of the bill, Linder said it is apparent the issue of school calendars need to be addressed.

"They are required to do their testing two weeks before school is let out," Linder said. "The further into June you move, the closer to June 1 your tests are going to be. We have to be realistic about this. We have to ask ourselves if we want our children trying to take state tests the first week of June when summer fever is already set in. I would like to have those tests back in May when they're still in a school mode."

For more information about Grant County Schools' calendar, go to www.grant.kyschools.us/snowdaytracker.aspx

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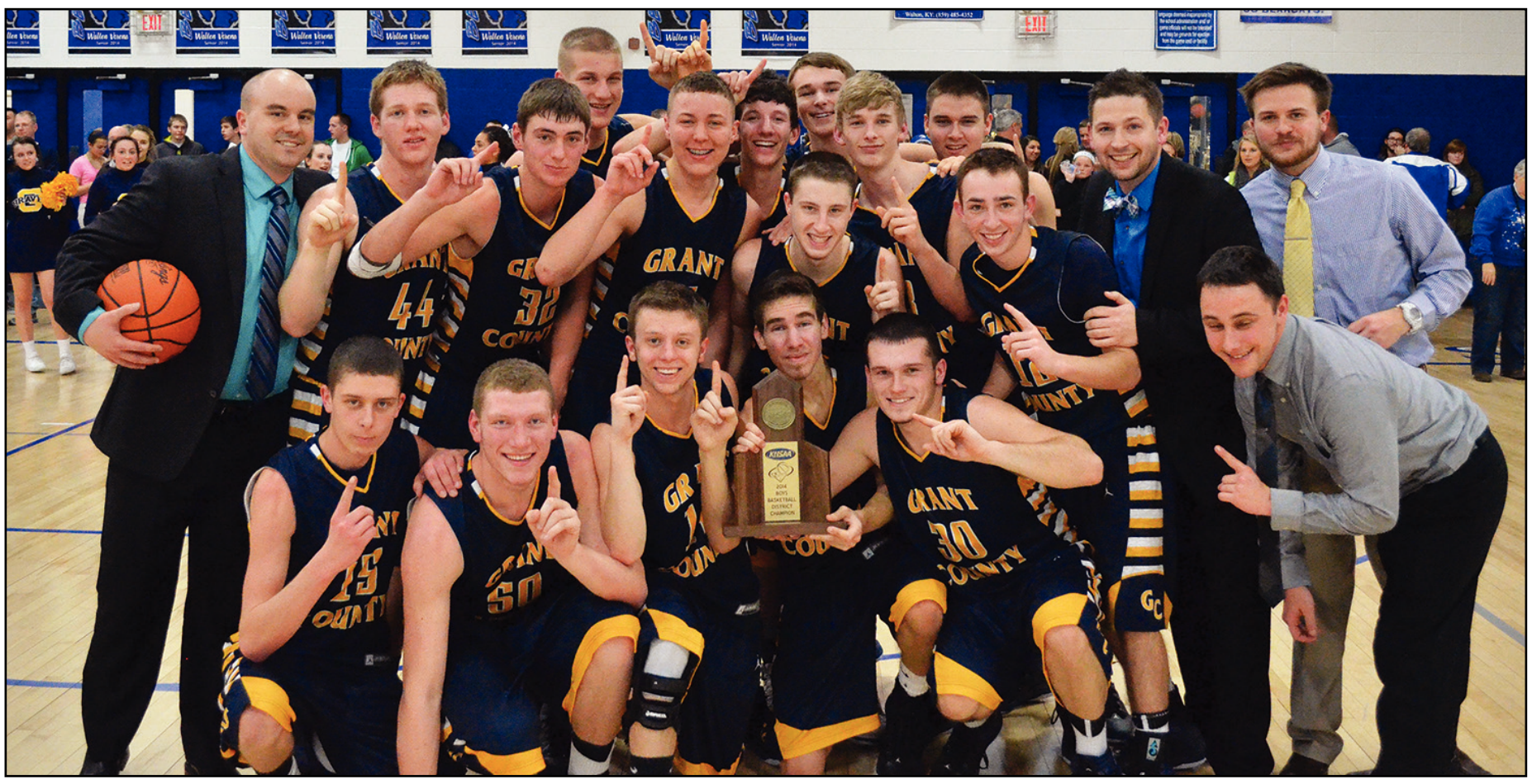

The Grant County High School Boys Basketall team celebrated their district win over SK.

Decade-long dream fulfilled

Grant Braves beat Simon Kenton by 1 point

By Wade Holland
Sports Correspondent

After more than a decade spent filling the role of district runner up on a regular basis, including each of the last two years, the Grant County Braves know all too well the feeling that goes with watching the opposition cut down the nets at their expense.

But that only made the victory celebration that much sweeter for the Braves after knocking off two-time defending champion Simon Kenton in the District 32 Championship Feb. 28 in front of a packed house at Walton-Verona High School.

The championship was the first for the Braves in 12 years and only their second since the turn of the century.

"It feels awesome (to win the district championship). I am elated," said Grant County Coach Brandon Grammer. "I've had the misfortune of being runner up the last two years and this is a completely different feeling. I'm very happy for our guys and happy to send our seniors out this way. I told the guys, only 64 teams win a championship in Kentucky tonight and we're one of them. Nobody can take that from us."

For the seniors, like guard Aaron Hicks, the championship is the result of a lot of hard work and determination and is a reward for never giving up.

"We've went through a lot of stuff over the last four years. Everything from players leaving to a new coaching staff," Hicks said. "But we never gave up and really came together at the right time. And I'm really proud of the guys. We played hard tonight and put together a phenomenal defensive effort."

Fellow senior Logan Cummins added that winning the district title is a dream come true.

"My heart is racing right now," Cummins said. "It feels amazing. It's all I could ask for."

Junior Seth Adkins, who played a major role in the win, especially the Braves coming back in the final moments of regulation, said the win was a lesson in believing in themselves.

"This is my third year and this has been our goal every year. It feels awesome to finally win it," Adkins said. "A lot of people didn't think we could do it, but we did."

For both seniors and underclassmen alike, the game was an act of revenge for Grant County, which lost on a last-second shot to Simon Kenton in last year's district title game.

Jordan Saylor tips the ball in as Simon Kenton tries to beat him to it. Photos by Jerry Morris

"They beat us last year so this is revenge for us," said junior forward Jordan Saylor. "They beat us by one last year and we beat them by one this year. So it feels good."

Playing with a never-say-die attitude, Grant County had to pull more than one trick out of its hat in the win. Both Hicks and Adkins came up with game-changing plays in the final moments of regulation to send the game into overtime.

Trailing by five with just over a minute remaining, Hicks stepped up and hit a 3-pointer while being fouled, converting the four-point play to get the Braves back in the game.

Adkins then came up with a steal on an inbounds pass at half court and drove in for a layup to put the Braves up by one with only 15 seconds remaining.

"That was crazy. The timing was just perfect," Adkins said of the steal and layup. "I kept my eye on the ball and it just fell right into my hands. But I didn't think I made the layup. I thought Logan got the rebound and put it in."

"That play was huge. Absolutely huge," said Grammer. "Seth Adkins is coming out and showing people that he can be a force on the basketball court. He is unstoppable. When he has the ball in his hands, I have not seen one guy who can stay in front of him."

Trailing by one in the overtime period with multiple starters on the bench after fouling out, Cummins nailed a 3-pointer from the corner to give his team a lead it would not relinquish.

"Logan is going to give me a heart attack. That's twice in the past two weeks that I've covered my face over a shot he has taken, and he made both of them," said Grammer. "So I'm going to keep covering my face when he's shooting."

For Cummins, taking the big shots in tough situation is always a little nerve wracking, but it's a role he has never shied away from. The senior guard was named MVP for his heroics.

"It's what I live to do," Cummins said about the game-changing shot.

"It feels awesome to win the MVP," Cummins said. "But my teammates are the real MVPs. I love my teammates."

Simon Kenton scored the first five points of the game and led for nearly four minutes before the Braves answered with a 14-2 run to take the lead, which grew to seven, 16-9, in the first quarter.

Grant County extended its advantage to nine on multiple occasions in the second quarter before a late run by Simon Kenton cut the deficit to three, 28-25, at the intermission.

Simon Kenton opened the second half with an 8-0 run to retake the lead. The Pioneers continued to dominate and extended their lead to double digits midway through the third quarter before Grant County closed the period on an 6-0 run to cut the deficit to four, 44-40, with one quarter to play.

Simon Kenton built its lead to six early in the fourth quarter and continued to lead by as many as five down the stretch before Hicks converted the four-point play and Adkins came up with the steal at half court.

Trailing by one in the overtime period. Jordan Rose hit a short jumper to put Grant Co. on top, followed by Cummins' 3-pointer, to give the Braves a lead they would not give up.

Hicks led Grant County's offensive attack with 17 points to go with seven rebounds. Adkins was next with 16 points and three steals.

Cummins scored 11 points for the winners, while Saylor added 10 points, four rebounds and two assists.

Austin Johnson just missed a double double with nine points and nine assists to go with four rebounds. Jordan Rose rounded out the Braves' scoring with two points and three rebounds.

The Grant County Braves are headed to the regional tournament where they face Collins High School in first round action on Thursday, March 6 at Henry County High School.

Above: Austin Johnson attempts to get the ball.

Left: Seth Adkins defends the ball against Simon Kenton.

Cross-town rivals face off again in districts

By Wade Holland
Sports Correspondant

Logan Cummins saved the best for last.

The senior guard, who has been working his way back from an injury, is playing the best ball of his career, as witnessed by those in attendance when he put on a show with 31 points to lead Grant County to a 92-66 win over Williamstown in opening-round action of the District 32 Tournament on Feb. 26 at Walton-Verona High School.

Cummins, whose previous high this season was 20 points, scored the career-high 31 points on the strength of nine 3-pointers, most of them coming in the first half when Grant County built its lead to 20 points on the way to the 26-point win.

"Grant County played an exceptional game. You have to give them all the credit," said Williamstown Coach Roger Harden. "Obviously, the difference in the game was Logan Cummins. He had an exceptional shooting night. With him shooting that well it made it difficult for us to stay in the game."

Cumming scored his team's first eight points and had 11 in the first quarter as the Braves built a 20-11 advantage after one period of play.

Cummins' hot shooting continued into the second quarter when he hit five more 3-pointers for 26-first half points to help Grant County stake claim to a 50-30 halftime advantage.

Grant County remained strong throughout the second half, not allowing Williamstown to get any closer than 14 while running the lead to 30-plus at one point.

Following Cummins' career night was senior Aaron Hicks with 12 points and junior Seth Adkins with 10 points.

Austin Johnson was next for the winners with eight points, followed by D.J. Bennett with seven, Cody Kellan six, Luke O'Nan and Austin Schneider five each, Jordan Rose had four, and Cameron Burk and Jordan Saylor with two apiece.

Senior David Jump led Williamstown with 26 points, including five 3-pointers. Brennan Stanley was next for the Demons with 17 points, while Jon Jump contributed 10 to give Williamstown three players in double digits.

WHS Demon Jon Jump attempts to make it to the basket as GCHS Brave Seth Adkins closes in. Photos by Jerry Morris.

WHS Jon Jump and Chaz Jordan attempt to knock the ball out of GCHS Brave Austin Johnson grasp as he goes up for the basket.

Chaz Jordan scored nine points for the Demons, with Dustin Smith and Brady Montgomery adding two each.

For Williamstown and its fans, the loss was not nearly as disappointing as it was to see seniors David Jump, Chaz Jordan, and J.J. Fernandez exit the floor for the last time during their high school careers.

But for Harden, it was a moment of mixed emotions.

"It is sad," he said. "But at the same time it is a very proud moment. You have to be proud of them for the effort they've put in and what they've done for Williamstown basketball. We will miss them. But we're very excited about our future and the direction those guys got the program headed in."

Williamstown ended its season with plenty to be proud of, including the most wins for the program in more than five years. The Demons finish 10-20 overall with four wins against regional foes and two against district rivals.

Grant County, meanwhile, improved to 15-13 with the win, which earned them a spot in the district championship as well as the regional tournament.

GCHS sends 3 wrestlers to state

By Wade Holland
Sports Correspondant

While they didn't bring home the gold, the Grant County High School wrestling team was well represented at the state championship meet held two weeks ago at the All Tech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

Seniors Brady Fryman, Austin Gripshover and Joey Roundtree put together impressive displays at the state meet. Fryman won his first match before being defeated, while Gripshover and Roundtree more than held their own before falling.

In the end, the competition was just too experienced for the Braves, who are only in their fourth year of existence.

"Going to state is a real eye-opening experience especially for kids who don't have the background of wrestling for several years like they do at some of the other big schools," said Grant County Coach Matt Shearer. "We're very proud of what our guys accomplished this year. It was definitely a positive for our program."

It was the third time in four years the program has sent a team member to the state meet. The previous two seasons the Braves had one player make state.

But Shearer, who has nothing but praise for his wrestlers, believes his program is about to take it to another level.

"Making it to state is good, and we're proud of what we've accomplished, but now its time to wrestle for wins," he said.

The road to being even more successful has already been paved by the five seniors on this year's squad, especially those who made it to state, showing the younger team members what it takes to make it to the big stage.

"Two of the guys who made it to state have little brothers who are wrestling in the program," Shearer said. "This allows them, and the others, to see how much hard work it takes to get to state and how it pays off."

Grant County will graduate five seniors from the current roster. Next year's team is currently slated to have just one senior.

GC youth soccer holds sign-ups

Grant County Youth Soccer will hold sign-ups on March 15 at the Sherman Elementary School Gymnasium. Players must wear tennis shoes.

- All 3, 4 and 5 year-old from 9 to 9:30 a.m. (U4 and U6)
- All 6 and 7 year-olds from 9:45 –to 10:15 a.m. (U8)
- All 8 and 9 year-olds from 10:30 to 11 a.m. (U10)
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POLICE REPORTS

(Editor's Note: The Grant County News publishes all items in police beat that are submitted from each individual police agency. The News does not omit names from police reports.)

Grant County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Mike Webster executed a warrant for **Hughston Brewer**, of Dry Ridge, for violation of conditional release, at 9:50 a.m. Feb. 24 on N. Main Street. Brewer was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Sgt. Tim Slone executed a warrant for **Kyle Livengood,** 26, of Williamstown, for receiving stolen property and violation of conditional release, at 9:50 a.m. Feb. 24 on N. Main Street. Livengood was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Sgt. Dennis Switzer executed a warrant for **John R. Willen**, 35, of Crittenden, for theft of services, nonpayment of fines and failure to appear to court, at 12:39 p.m. Feb. 27 on N. Main Street. Willen was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Sgt. Dennis Switzer executed a warrant for **Candie L. Willen,** 37, of Crittenden, for theft of services, at 12:29 p.m. Feb. 27 on N. Main Street. Willen was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Barry Mullins executed a warrant for **Donald Sanders,** 25, of Williamstown, for burglary in the fourth degree and assault in the fourth degree, at 1:26 a.m. Feb. 28 on Case Lane. Sanders was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Kevin Burke investigated an accident at 3:34 a.m. Feb. 16 on Knoxville Road. The driver involved was **Louellen Slade,** 38, of Williamstown, driving a 2010 Kia.

Deputy Kevin Burke investigated an accident at 11:18 a.m. Feb. 16 on Eagle Ridge Road. The driver involved was **Denver L. Beach**, 18, of Dry Ridge, driving a 1995 Chevrolet.

Deputy Kevin Burke investigated an accident at 7:07 a.m. Feb. 18 on Dixie Highway. The driver involved was **Anna B. Thompson**, 32, of Corinth, driving a 2004 Chrysler.

Deputy Andy Reeves investigated an accident at 1:06 p.m. Feb. 20 on N. Main Street. The drivers involved were **Richard Skaggs,** 41, of Frankfort, driving a 2005 Chevrolet, **Robert L. Gilbert,** 44, of Crittenden, driving a 2008 Chevrolet and **Darrell L. Herndon**, 56, of Taylorsville, driving a 2012 Ford.

Sgt. Dennis Switzer investigated an accident at 7:33 a.m. Feb. 21 on Dry Ridge-Mt. Zion Road. The driver involved was **Jesse Allen**, 21, of Dry Ridge, driving a 1993 Saturn.

Deputy Mike Wright investigated an accident at 8:47 p.m. Feb. 23 on Dunn Mazie Road. The driver involved was **Nathan Yazell,** 19, of Williamstown, driving a 2004 Oldsmobile.

The sheriff's office served 60 summons/subpoenas, served 55 hours in court, executed a emergency protective order, executed two warrants involving out-of-county residents and drove 680 miles transporting prisoners.

Kentucky State Police

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Darrell Louden,** 41, of Williamstown, at 8:19 p.m. Feb. 20 on Taft Highway. Louden was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Jonah D. Patton,** 31, of Dry Ridge, with manufacturing methamphetamine, unlawful distribution of meth and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, at 6:18 a.m. Feb. 222 on Stewartsville Road. Patton was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Alec Morris**, 26, of Corinth, at 10:40 p.m. Feb. 23 on Owenton Road. Morris was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Danielle Ackerman,** 19, of Dry Ridge, at 12:58 a.m. Feb. 24 on Broadway Street. Ackerman was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed multiple warrants for **Sheena Manning-Ellis,** 25, of Corinth, at 3:17 a.m. Feb. 24 on Barnes Road. Manning-Ellis was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **James Phillips,** 27, of Dry Ridge, at 12:48 p.m. Feb. 28 on S. Main Street. Phillips was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **James Sandlin,** 48, of Dry Ridge, at 2:56 p.m. Feb. 28 on Needham Lane. Sandlin was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Alexander Freed,** 20, of Williamstown, with driving under the influence, possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia, at 11:11 p.m. Feb. 28 on Ferguson Boulevard. Freed was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Jodi Darrell,** 40, of Williamstown, with leaving the scene of an accident and driving under the influence, at 2:13 p.m. March 1 on Interstate 75. Darrell was lodged at the Boone County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police charged **Douglas Smith**, of Crittenden, with terroristic threatening and assault in the forth degree, at 3:58 p.m. March 2 on Heathen Ridge Road. Smith was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Trooper Charles Laudermilk investigated an accident at 5:26 p.m. Feb. 15 on Broadway Street. The drivers involved were an **unknown hit-and-run** and **Terri Wright,** 47, of Williamstown, driving a 2014 Chevrolet.

Trooper Jason Ritter investigated an accident at 6:269 p.m. Feb. 16 on Taft Highway. The drivers involved were **Lawwrence F. Butler,** of Marysville, Mich., driving a 2001 Ford and **Jeffrey L. Carpenter,** 59, of Crittenden, driving a 2002 Ford.

Trooper Charles Laudermilk investigated an accident at 11:36 p.m. Feb. 16 on Folsom Jonesville Road. The driver involved was **Robert Crittendon,** 51, of Jonesville, driving a 2006 Chevrolet.

Trooper Jerry Handy investigated an accident at 7:33 a.m. Feb. 18 on Cordova Road. The driver involved was **Stephanie Bramlett,** 31, of Corinth, driving a 2004 Jeep.

Trooper Rodney Pratt investigated an accident at 1:54 a.m. Feb. 19 on Arnie Risen Boulevard. The driver involved was **Bradley T. Morris,** 28, of Williamstown, driving a 2008 Ford.

Williamstown

Officer Chris Collins cited **Sidney L. Jump**, 17, of Williamstown, with no tail lamps, failure to illuminate headlamps and failure to produce insurance card, at 10:04 p.m. Feb. 25 on N. Main Street.

Officer Ron Perkins executed a warrant for **Willard L. Presley Jr.,** 53, of Dry Ridge, for trafficking in marijuana, at 7:3.7 p.m. Feb. 26 on Dixie Highway. Presley was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Officer Chris Collins executed a warrant for **Charlotte Mollett**, 33, of Williamstown, for theft by deception including cold checks under the value of $500, at 5:32 a.m. Feb. 27 on S. Main Street. Mollett was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Officer Chris Collins executed a warrant for **Sandra L. Mills,** 51, of Williamstown, for failure to produce insurance card and improper equipment, at 5:32 a.m. Feb. 27 on S. Main Street. Mills was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Officer Ron Perkins investigated an accident at 8 a.m. Feb. 24 on Lake Shore Court. The drivers involved were an **unknown hit and run** and **Steve R. Marcum,** 39, of Williamstown, driving a 2010 Chevrolet.

Officer David Osborne investigated an accident at 3:53 a.m. Feb. 26 on the Dry Ridge By-pass. The drivers involved were **Patrick J. Beach**, 27, of Crittenden, driving a 2004 Saturn and **Dealis N. Dixon**, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2011 Dodge.

Officer Ron Perkins investigated an accident at 5:28 p.m. Feb. 26 on N. Main Street. The drivers involved were **Daniel R. Dispennette**, 52, of Williamstown, driving a 1997 Dodge and **Harold Cheeks,** 60, of Williamstown, driving a 2004 Dodge.

Cpl. Steve Cornman investigated an accident at 2:38 p.m. Feb. 27 on Arnie Risen Boulevard. The drivers involved were **Brenda L. Zaccheus,** 51, of Williamstown and **Judy T. Wilson,** 60, of Corinth, driving a 2004 GMC.

Williamstown Police cited two out-of-county residents with speeding, failure produce an insurance card and operating a motor vehicle with expired operators license and executed a warrant for an out-of-county resident.

FOR THE RECORD

Civil Suits:

Sept. 26:

Edwina Elaine Smith vs. James David Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage

Sept. 27:

St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Inc. vs. Rebecca A. Scroggins and Mike Scroggins, default of payment for medical/hospital services

Julia P. Robinson vs. Joseph M. Robinson, petition for dissolution of marriage

Sept. 30:

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Albert Haddox, default of payment on note

Oct. 1:

Sean M. Case vs. Brittany N. Case, petition for dissolution of marriage

Oct. 3:

Capital One Bank vs. Bradley E. Hitchner, default of payment on note

Oct. 7:

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Steve Carmichiel, Associates Housing Finance, LLC, Kentucky Housing Corporation, Loretta C. Carmichiel, Midland Funding, LLC and Asset Acceptance, LLC, default of payment on note

Francis Rose Helton vs. Michael Joseph Helton, petition for dissolution of marriage

Oct. 8:

Bank of America vs. Ronald Butler and Meagan R. Dulaney, default of payment on note

Oct. 15:

Citibank vs. Donna Gibson, default of payment on note

The University Hospital vs. Bryan L. Miller, default of payment on note

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Marcos Aguazul, default of payment on note

Oct. 16:

Lisa Ann Green vs. Jimmy McKenley Green, petition for dissolution of marriage

General Electric Credit Union vs. Ronald Kinman, default of payment on note

Oct. 21:

Meridian Security Insurance Company vs. Tabitha D. Lynn, default of payment on note

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Items for Saturday, March 8, 2014, 9:30AM

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Item for Sunday, March 9, 2014, 1:00pm

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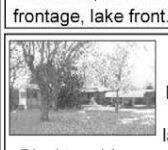
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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014 AT 11:00 A.M.
AT 1080 VERONA MT. ZION ROAD, DRY RIDGE, KY 41035 OF HOUSE AND LOT
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This is a nice four bedroom home on city water and septic system. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, four bedrooms, and two and a half baths. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development, Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after minor repairs.

An open house will be held on April 1, 2014 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is $53,600.00.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Williamstown Rural Development Office within 30 days.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on April 10, 2014, at 11:00 AM, at 1080 Verona Mt. Zion Road, Dry Ridge, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of $139,715.10 principal, with accrued interest of $4,891.94 through July 22, 2011, interest credits in the amount of $4,080.40, escrow and other pending fees and charges in the amount of $55.56, for a total unpaid balance of $148,743.00, plus interest at the rate of $22,9669 per day after July 22, 2011, until the date of entry of the Judgment, plus interest on the Judgment amount, (principal plus the shared appreciation recapture plus interest to the date of entry of this Judgment at the rate of .18%, computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 2:12-cv-00027-WOB-CJS on the Covington Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on October 22, 2012, in the case of United States of America vs. TODD ABNER, ET AL, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

Situated in Grant County, Kentucky on the Verona-Mt. Zion Road (S.R. 1942) approximately 0.8 miles north of Mt. Zion, Kentucky and more particularly described as:

Being all of Lot 2, Section One of Mt. Zion Aces, as set forth and recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 15 in the Grant County Clerk's Office, Williamstown, Kentucky. Reference to said plat is made in aid of this description. Subject to conditions, covenants, restrictions, right of way and easements in existence, including but not limited to those in prior instruments of record; legal highways and zoning ordinances. Being the same property conveyed to Todd Abner and Missy Abner, husband and wife, by Deed recorded in Deed Book 313, Page 744, of the Grant County Clerk's Records at Williamstown, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Cashiers Check made payable to the U.S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 0.18_% per annum until paid, due and payable in 60 days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the Proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain in a lien in favor of the defendant (s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquiries should be directed to: John Johnson, Area Director,
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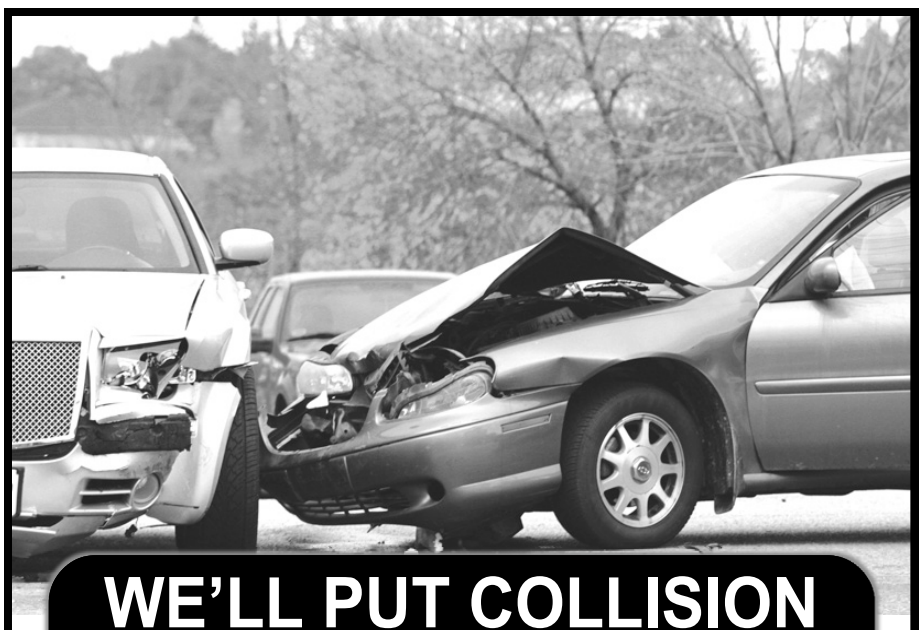

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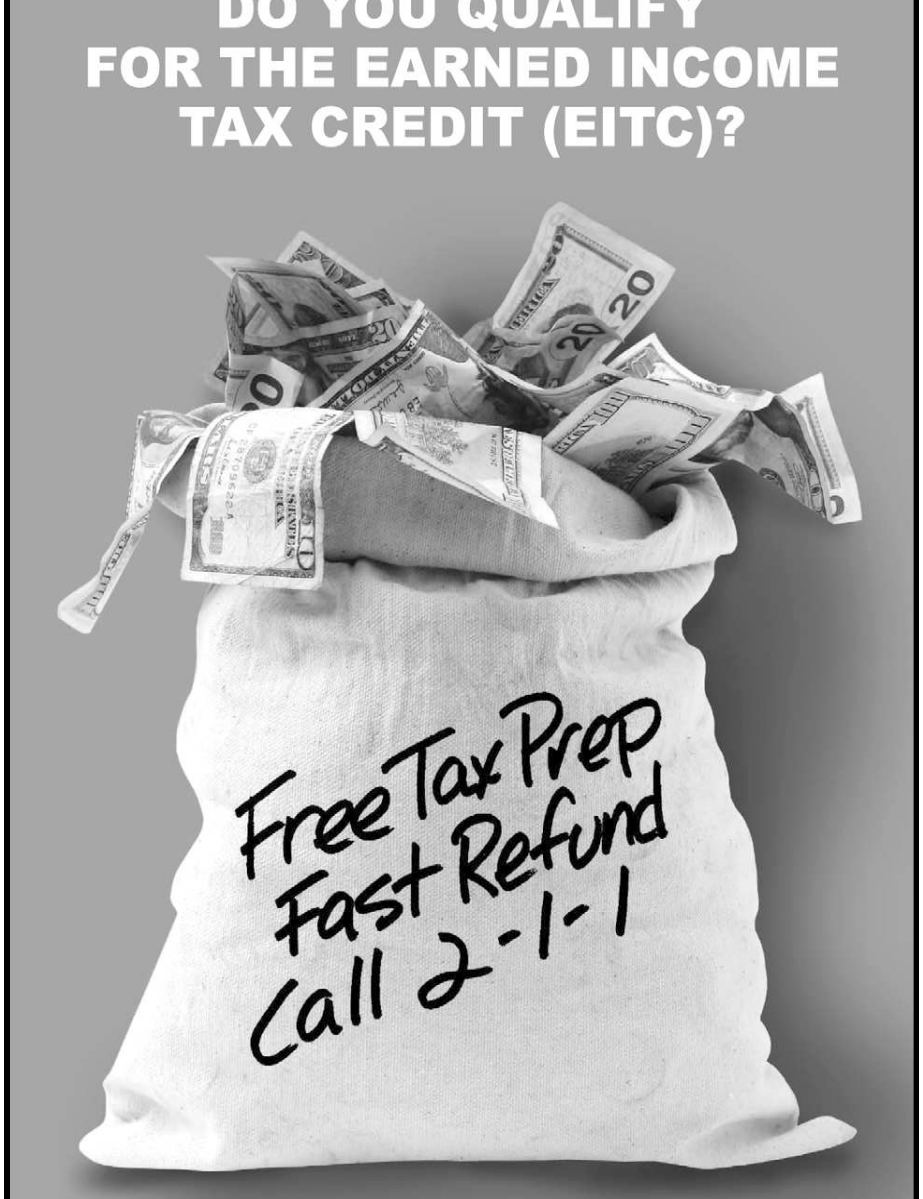

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9 - 9:30 am: All 3, 4 and 5 year olds (U4 and U6)
9:45 - 10:15 am: All 6 and 7 year olds (U8)
10:30 - 11 am: All 8 and 9 year olds (U10)
11:15 - 11:45 am: All 10, 11 and 12 year olds (U13)

During these times players will meet with and participate in a mini "taster" session with Challenger Sports Youth Soccer who has partnered with Grant County Youth Soccer for the spring player development program. Everyone signing up in person on this date will be entered for a chance to win one of three free soccer balls and t-shirts from Challenger Sports.

Costs: $75 for U6 through U13 (4 year olds - 12 year olds)
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Player development program will run 7 weeks, April 7 - May 24.

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•Isaiah and Melissa Gilbert, 385 Eagle Ridge Dr., Dry Ridge. 2-9-15
•Gavin property located at 301 Fairview Rd., Williamstown. 2-5-15
•Marilyn Howell, 3265 Corinth Road, Corinth. 2-5-15
•Property located at 2975 Falmouth Rd., Williamstown. 12-22-14
•Janice & Jack Bowling property located on White Chapel Road. 12-15-14
•Wayne Sponcil, 485 Sherman Newtown Rd.; Sponcil Properties, 2895 Dixie Hwy. & Taft Hwy. 12-11-14
•Reb Stacey farm on Folsom-Jonesville Road. 11-25-14
•Becker property at 1105 Peaceful Hollow, Dry Ridge. 11-6-14
•Property of David Ware, 605 Turner Rd., Williamstown. 11-3-14
•Property of Doering Family Ltd. Partnership on Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Rd., Dry Ridge. 11-3-14
•Beuna Marksberry, 920 Mason Cordova Rd., Corinth. 10-30-14
•McIntire property located on Old Cynthiana Rd. and Oak Ridge Pike. 10-30-14
•Conrad property located on Simpson Ridge Road, Heekin Lawrenceville and Chipman Ridge Rd., Williamstown. 10-16-14
•Erwin property located at 3760 Lawrenceville Rd., Corinth. 9-29-14
•Haven's Property, 5843 Baton Rouge Rd., Williamstown. 8-28-14
•Elliott property located at 2105 Folsom Jonesville Rd., Jonesville. 8-28-14
•Dickhaus property located at 1025 Folsom Jonesville Rd., Jonesville. 8-28-14
•Lonald, Linda, Wesley, Wilma Cook, 1600 Corinth Road (40 acres) 10-02-14
•Cook property, 395 Ragtown Rd., Corinth. 9-04-14
•Spears property, 1415 Keefer Lawrenceville Rd., Corinth. 08-25-14
•P.J. Acres, 1600 Mountain Island Rd., Owen County, Ky. 8-21-14
•510 Kenney Rd., Dry Ridge, Ky. 8-21-14
•Brady property, 305 Juett Rd., Williamstown, Ky. 08-12-14
•Folsom Ridge Farm, 8605 Warsaw Rd., Dry Ridge. 7-21-14
•No trespassing - 365 and 375 Cash Drive, Williamstown Lake, including 10 feet where waterline is. 6-19-14
•All property and land at 265 to 295 Boat Dock Road, Williamstown. 6-12-14
•Corinth Lake Landowner's Association, Section 1, Inc., private road at Corinth Lake Estates, Section 1. 6-19-14
•707-1/2 N. Main St., Williamstown. 5-19-14
•Dishon Farms, Verona-Mt. Zion Rd., Vallandingham Rd. and Arnold's Creek Rd. 5-15-14
•Property of Archie Coldiron Sr., 1455 Violet Rd., Crittenden and 465 Bullock Pen Dr., Crittenden. 4-24-14
•207 McGee Rd., Crittenden. 3-31-14
•Biehl/Dressler property, 605 Kenney Rd., Dry Ridge, 12.3 Acres. 4-10-14
•Maxine Popham property located at 502 Humes Ridge. 3-27-14
•Coldiron property located at 1885 Heathen Ridge & 265 Russell Flynn Rd., Crittenden. 3-10-14
•Good's property located at 1310, 1325 & 285 Russell Flynn Rd., Crittenden. 3-10-14
•Windy Acres Farm no trespassing, 2155 Lemon Northcutt, Dry Ridge. 3-06-14

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Where did we come from; where are we going?

By Deborah Lucas Angel
Correspondent

What do you get when you have a Science Guy meet with a Young Earth Creationist to decide "is creation a viable model of origins in today's modern scientific era?"

You can get a debate held at the seat of Answers in Genesis, the Creation Museum in Petersburg in Boone County in front of 900 audience members and upwards of 70 media members.

Last month at the Creation Museum in Petersburg, the "Great Debate" was held. Principals were Bill Nye of the Bill Nye the Science Guy® fame; and Ken Ham, owner and founder of Answers in Genesis, an organization based on the Young Earth Creationist view. The Museum is owned by Answers in Genesis.

With Nye taking the evolutionary view of the history of the earth being millions of years old; Ham maintains the earth is approximately 6,000 years old. Nye uses carbon dating, fossils and scientific theory. Ham uses the Bible.

The crux of the debate came in the form of a question read by debate moderator Tom Foreman, CNN Broadcast Journalist: "what, if anything, would change your mind." Nye repeatedly said the thing that would sway him, as well as most evolutionary scientists, would be if someone would "show predictability" ...using creation theory. Ham, on the other hand responded simply "there's a book..." meaning the Bible.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
EVOLUTION THEORY VS. CREATIONIST

Evolution is change through a gradual development; especially from simple to complex. Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution by natural selection crosses a variety of scientific disiplines including geology, genetics, developmental biology and paleontology. It is a strictly scientific approach to how life slowly developed on earth over some 3.8 million years.

Scientific Creationism has three main types, all of which are taken from the Book of Genesis in the Bible. The three are: Gap, Day-Age and Young Earth. Gap maintains the possibility of a multi-billion years long gap between Genesis 1:1 and verses 1:2 and 1:3. Day-Age follows that God's days are upwards of 1,000 days long. Young Earth Creationists hold that the Earth was created in six days some 6,000 years ago.

Both men are scientists. Nye has a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University. Ham has a bachelor's degree in Applied Science from Queensland Institute of Technology in Australia and a diploma of education at the University of Queensland in Brisbane. Both also have honorary doctorate degrees; Ham with four and Nye with three.

The two scientists are almost an inaudible debate before they speak. Ham is gaunt with few smiles, a soft Australian accented voice and seems to take the world very seriously. Nye is lanky with a ready smile, an orators voice along with a propensity for wearing bow ties. Ham comes with a plethora of power point slides and presentations. Nye has amusing anecdotes, an eager sense of wonder at the world for his facts and figures.

While the snow, sleet and rain began to fall outside, Legacy Hall of the Museum quickly filled with an eager audience of nearly 1000. From young Mennonites with long dresses and prim hair covers to families in their Sunday best; modern day hippies to a group of twenty-somethings with T-shirts emblazoned with bow ties and announcing "Bill Nye is My Homeboy," filed into the auditorium. News media from Louisville, KY; New York, New York to Belize; paper, TV and blogesphere; they all came to see the Great Debate. Running like a well-oiled machine, the security and staff of the Museum got everyone into their seats and the Debate began.

It was two and a half structured hours: five minutes each to lay out their position.

Then, 30 minutes each to expand and define their stance. Five minutes each to rebut and counter rebut and finally, 45 minutes for 16 random questions from the audience in which a question would be directed to either Ham or Nye; he would take two minutes to answer and then the other would have one minute to rebut.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAID:

Before the debate, an excited Juanita Leach of Dayton, Ohio said, "I'm glad for the Truth--with a capital "T"--to be seen in a public forum! I'm glad to see (the Truth) put out there for all to see."

This was Leach's fourth visit to the Creation Museum and she had come today specifically for the debate. Her companion said he had signed onto the website for tickets the day they went on sale.

"I was disappointed when I only got five tickets at first. But, I tried to log back in 15 minutes later and it was sold out!"

Over 800 tickets for the debate reportedly sold out within two minutes of being offered for sale on Jan. 6 on the Creation Museum website by both Creationists and Evolutionists.

Marc Poland of Columbus, Ohio came mainly to see a favorite celebrity.

"(I'm a) fan of Bill Nye from when he did his child's show. (With his) involvement in NASA, (he is a) scientist. He is entertaining and well respected," Poland said.

Though tickets were sold out, many more people were able to watch the debate online from their own computers or through media outlet websites such as Channel 12 in Cincinnati. Some watched the live streaming at their churches and civic groups.

Afterward viewing the debate, feelings were variable. Did the debate hold up to expectations? Were expectations met or no? Was there a winner or loser?

Tommy Hughes of Dry Ridge said, "I thought the debate ran rather smoothly for the heated topic that was discussed."

Buddy Laurent of Williamstown had expected "the debate to be well presented by both parties.

"Me, being a Christian, I knew that God's truths would be heard by some unbelievers, possibly, for the first time and that seeds would be planted!" Laurent said.

"I enjoyed watching the debate. I believe the format hindered the debate somewhat because neither man was forced to answer questions from the other," said Josh Landrum of Dry Ridge.

A debate is intended to present two sides of an argument and, hopefully, come to a consensus or decision.

"This debate did not change my views, I only watched in hopes of seeing somewhat of an intellectual debate..." Hughes said.

Parks, rec offers Super Seniors, Start Smart programs

By Bryan Marshall
Staff Writer

Two Grant County Parks and Recreation programs in March offer something fun for young children and seniors alike.

For the second year, the parks department in coordination with the Community Early Childhood Council will offer the sports development program Start Smart for children ages 3 to 5.

The program will be held from 5:45 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday beginning March 11 in the Dry Ridge Elementary gym.

The goal of Start Smart is to build confidence and self-esteem in children while preparing them and their parents for youth sports.

Basic fundamentals in baseball, soccer and other sports will be taught.

The cost for the six sessions is $15 per participant and includes a workbook, manual and T-shirt upon completion of the program.

There are limited spots available and registration is required.

The parks department will also be collaborating with Body Works Gym and Humana for a new free program called Super Seniors.

Participants will meet at Body Works Gym in Dry Ridge from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday beginning March 11 for a variety of games and activities.

The activities, which are designed to be non-competitive, include mini-golf and bocce ball (March 11), shuffle board and card games (March 13), Silver Sneakers and corn hole (March 18), Wii games and life-size Bingo (March 20), ping pong and skittles (March 25) and chair yoga and trivia (March 27.)

For more information or to register for Start Smart or Super Seniors, go to www.grantcountyparks.com, e-mail parks@grantco.org or call 428-4500.

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"Playing the way we did against Simon Kenton shows we can play with anyone," said Aaron Hicks. "We're going to be competitive and we're going to be a team to beat."

Collins, which is in its fourth year of existence, lost just one regional game this season. That loss was a one-point defeat to Shelby County in the district finals. Other than that, a loss to Louisville Trinity is the only blemish on the Titans' record since the Christmas break.

Collins is widely considered the top defensive team in Region 8, allowing just 49 points per contest. The Titans allowed 60-plus points only three times all season, easily the best in Region 8.

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ARK: groundbreaking set for May

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The creators behind the project credit global media coverage, the soon-to-be-released film "Noah" starring Russell Crowe and Ham's Feb. 4 debate with Bill Nye "The Science Guy" for bringing the Ark Encounter to the world's attention.

Research released by the Ark Encounter officials indicates that the Ark will draw up

to 2 million people in its first year.

Grant County Chamber of Commerce executive director Wade Gutman said there have been "a lot of ups and downs with this project," but he said both sides handled the bumps well.

"Thank you for the jobs you're going to bring to Grant County," he said to the organizers behind the project. "Thank you for the economic impact it will have on Grant County. These are the most important things to me. It's what my job entails and I really feel I've completed my task."

Mike Zovath, senior vice president for Answers in Genesis, said the Ark Encounter project has been a long journey to get to this stage.

"We haven't been sitting still this past three years," he said. "We've been working

closely with our architectural firm, the Troyer Group, to come up with designs, site plans and all kinds of different things."

"I've had the privilege and the relief, really, of being able to work with county and city government officials who've been solidly behind this project, men who recognized the amazing and positive economic impact this project is going to have in Grant County and Williamstown," Zovath said. "They've been doing everything they can to make sure the Ark Encounter lands in Grant County."

Williamstown Mayor Rick Skinner said the city has stayed the course as well, doing what it can to prepare for the project's arrival.

"We've got our water, our waste water plans almost out to bid almost as soon as this happened," he said. "The jobs it's going to create for Williamstown and Grant County and northern Kentucky is going to be amazing. The city of Williamstown realizes that we support the Ark 100 percent. We're happy to be the home of the Ark Encounter."

Joe Boone, AIG vice president of advancement, said the project will directly employ 200 people at the park.

However, Boone said the Ark Encounter will indirectly create thousands of jobs in the region through hotels, restaurants and other amenities.

Grant County Judge-Executive Darrell Link described the Ark Encounter as a first-class project that everyone in the Grant County community will be pleased with and proud of.

"Every commerce center has to have an anchor store," Link said. "When I think of this Ark Encounter that's going to come to Grant County, it is definitely our anchor store. It is a project that's going to give our county instant identity. When anyone thinks of Grant County, they're obviously also going to think of the Ark and vice versa."

Zovath credited Gutman, Skinner and Link for their commitment to the Ark Encounter and helping to make it a reality.

"I think when it's all said and done, the Kentucky Revenue Department is going to owe these three men a debt of gratitude for the millions of dollars that are going to be coming into Kentucky because they were as diligent as they were to get this project in Grant County," Zovath said.

An official groundbreaking date is expected to be announced in the next few weeks.

To watch a recording of the live web stream of the Ark project announcement, go to www.arkencounter.